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Marriage Registration Procedures

1. Couples planning marriage must procure three copies of the marriage registration certificate from the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) sub-station nearest their home.¹ These documents, which cost 10 won, require the following information: date of marriage, names of the bride and groom, present address of both parties. The couple then goes to the sub-station with the completed forms where a revenue stamp costing 30 won is affixed to the document. After examining the document, the MIA officer enters the date of marriage on the citizenship card of each party and affixes the proper official seal to the forms. One copy of the marriage registration form is kept at the sub-station and the other two copies are given to the bride and groom.

Divorce Procedure

2. When both parties agree to a divorce, they must report to the local MIA sub-station, state their reasons and answer any questions put to them by the MIA official. Usually the official will ask the couple to reconsider, but if it appears that reconciliation is impossible and if there is no reason to deny the divorce, the official will affix a revenue stamp costing 500 won to the marriage registration certificate. The fact of divorce is then noted on the citizenship cards of both parties. Should there be a good reason for denying the divorce, the MIA official refers the case to the courts.²

Comments

1. This marriage registration procedure may be carried out at any MIA sub-station which has jurisdiction over the area of domicile of either the man or the woman.

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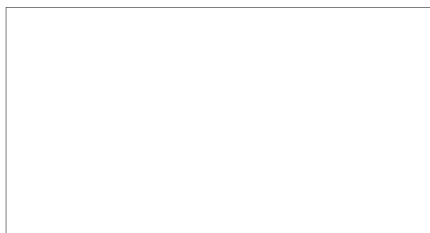


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2. Actually few divorce cases are brought to the courts, most of them being settled at the MIA sub-stations.



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